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In re Application of: )  
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Jeffrey D. SAFFER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
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Application No.: 09/409,260 ) Examiner: C. MAHATAN  
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Filed: September 30, 1999 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
EXTRACTING ATTRIBUTES )  
FROM SEQUENCE STRINGS )  
AND BIOPOLYMER MATERIAL )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office  
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Respectfully submitted,

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